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SUBJECT: JUNE 22 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. AUSTRALIA

FRASER ARRIVED WASHINGTON TUES NIGHT FOR 2 DAYS TALKS WITH PRES/OTHER TOP GOVT OFFICIALS. AP (WP) NOTES PM CONSIDERED IMPORTANT ALLY IN CARTER'S EFFORT AGAINST NUKE PROLIFERATION. REUTER (6/21) SAYS BESIDES DISCUSSING DEVELOPING AUSSIE ROLE AS NUKE-ENERGY EXPORTER/INTL SAFEGUARDS ON SUCH EXPORTS, TALKS EXPECTED ALSO COVER MUTUAL DEFENSE UNCLASSIFIED

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MATTERS/TRADE.

SUN'S OLSON CITES NEW NO-FRILLS/EMBELLISHMENTS LOOK IN WH CEREMONIES WELCOMING FOREIGN HEADS OF STATE. QUOTES US PROTOCOL CHIEF DOBELLE THAT IF HE IS LIKE HEADS OF STATE WHO HAVE ALREADY VISITED PRES THIS YEAR, FRASER WILL WELCOME THIS LESSENING OF POMP/CEREMONY; IN FACT, ACCORDING DOBELLE, FRASER ASKED FOR NO-NONSENSE LUNCH HIMSELF. BUT "DOWN-HOME HOSPITALITY" DOES NOT MEAN ALL FORMALITY PUT ASIDE; AT FRASER'S WELCOMING CEREMONY, 19-GUN SALUTE WILL

BE SOUNDED, TROOPS WILL BE INSPECTED BY CARTER/FRASER AND BOTH NATIONS' NATIONAL ANTHEMS WILL BE PLAYED.

DEPUTY PM ANTHONY SAID TUES NIGHT WOULD BE "UNTHINKABLE" FOR AUSTRALIA NOT DEVELOP ITS URANIUM RESOURCES. ANTHONY ALSO REVEALED GOA EXPERTS HAVE REASSESSED IMPORTANCE OF ALLIGATOR RIVER URANIUM PROVINCE, NOW SAYS IT CONTAINS MUCH MORE URANIUM THAN ORIGINALLY THOUGHT (REUTER CANBERRA 6/21).

2. PHILS/JAPAN

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS JAL/ANA SPOKESMEN SAID WEDS THAT JAPANESE TOUR OPERATORS HAVE CANCELLED ALL VACATION CHARTER FLIGHTS TO MANILA FOR REST OF JUNE, FEARING CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN JAPAN ORIGINATED IN PHILS. SPOKESMEN SAID AT LEAST 14 FLIGHTS, INVOLVING 2,000 VACATIONERS, HAVE BEEN AFFECTED. THREE SUSPECTED CHOLERA CASES ADMITTED TO ARIDA HOSPITAL WEDS, BRINGING TOTALS SINCE THURS TO ONE DEAD/21 CONFIRMED ILL/54 UNDER OBSERVATION, ACCORDING OFFICIALS.

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FINANCE MINISTRY REPORTEDLY DECIDES ALLOW YEN FLOAT, W/O BANK OF JAPAN INTERVENTION, AND WILL FOCUS ON REDUCING TRADE SURPLUSES W/OTHER NATIONS. ACTION TAKEN TO COPE W/ INCREASING PRESSURE FROM US (UPI, WP).

CRAIG CORP/3 OTHER IMPORTERS JAPANESE ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS SUING US CUSTOMS SERVICE OVER IMPOSITION COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON IMPORTS. ARGUE DUTIES UNCONSTITUTIONAL BECAUSE FIRMS DIDN'T HAVE OPPORTUNITY PARTICIPATE IN CUSTOMS COURT CASE (WSJ).

4. CHINA/KOREA

NCNA 6/21 CONDEMNED US "IMPERIALIST WAR MANIACS" FOR ALLEGEDLY STAGING SERIES MIL EXERCISES IN VARIOUS PARTS SK IN PAST FEW MONTHS (REUTER HK 6/21).

5. KOREA

LT GEN BURNS, 2ND HIGHEST-RANKING US MIL OFFICER IN SK, REASSIGNED FOLLOWING COMPLETION TDY. DOD SPOKESMAN SAID REASSIGNMENT SCHEDULED/NOT CONNECTED W/SINGLAUB AFFAIR (REUTER 6/21)-

SNEIDER HELD 35-MIN MTG 6/21 W/SK FONMIN PARK TONG JIN, DURING WHICH AMB DENIED US BUGGED BLUE HOUSE (WP). SKOREAN SOURCE SAID SNEIDER CALLED NYT REPORT GROUNDLESS/

EXPRESSED REGRET IT HAD APPEARED (REUTER SEOUL 6/21).
NYT QUOTES SK AMB KIM THAT DOS ASSURED HIM BUGGING REPORT
"ABSOLUTELY FALSE," BUT DOS REFUSED CONFIRM THAT. ITEM
QUOTES HODDING CARTER'S "NO COMMENT" ON MATTER/CITES
"ANOTHER SPOKESMAN" WHO DECLINED CONFIRM REUTER REPORT
RE SNEIDER'S COMMENTS TO FONMIN. NYT ADDS DOS GIVEN
OPPORTUNITY COMMENT ON ARTICLE PUBLISHED LAST SATURDAY,
BUT UNDER SEC HABIB DECLINED CONFIRM/DENY ACCURACY OF
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ARTICLE THEN.

PM CHOI TOLD PLENARY SESSION NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WEDS THAT
ROKG NOT CONSIDERING LIFTING EMERGENCY DECREE/RELEASING
DISSIDENTS. CONTENDED TIME NOT RIGHT, SINCE INTL SITUA-
TION FLUID OVER PLANNED W/DRAWAL US GROUND FORCES, AND SK
NEEDS NATIONAL UNITY TO COPE WITH THIS. ADDED WOULD NOT BE
APPROPRIATE RELEASE DISSIDENTS OUT OF "POLITICAL CONSIDERA-
TIONS" (REUTER SEOUL).

US/SK SIGNED 4-YR AGREEMENT 6/21 CURTAILING SK'S NON-
RUBBER FOOTWEAR IMPORTS TO US. SK AGREED HOLD EXPORTS TO
33 MIL PAIRS IN 1ST YR, DOWN 11 MIL PAIRS FROM LAST YR.
SPECIAL TRADE REP'S OFFICE SAID USG DOES NOT EXPECT
SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON PRICES/AVAILABILITY KIND OF SHOES
SK EXPORTS, AND IF IT APPEARS DOMESTIC MFRS NOT PRODUC-
ING/OR IF PRICES RISE SIGNIFICANTLY, PRES WILL ASK FOR
ANOTHER ITC INVESTIGATION (FARNSWORTH, NYT; ROWE, WP;
SUN; JOC; WSJ; REUTER 6/21).

BRIGGS (NYT) DOES ITEM ON YOUTH-ORIENTED RELIGIOUS SECTS--
MOON CHURCH AMONG THEM. CITES INCREASING WILLINGNESS
SECT MEMBERS SEEK LEGITIMACY FOR THEIR RELIGIOUS COMMIT-
MENT THRU COURTS, SUCH AS LAWSUITS BROUGHT BY MOONIES
AGAINST PARENTS' "DEPROGRAMMING" EFFORTS. CONCLUDES ALL
SUCH MOVEMENTS GAINING FOOTHOLD/SEEN ENDURING.

6. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

FISHING BOAT ENTERS HK HARBOR W/14 VIET REFUGEES;
DISCOVERED AS TIED UP TO WHARF (REUTER HK).

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7. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

LORENZ (JOC), AT BANGKOK, REPORTS ILLICIT CROSS-BORDER
TRADE W/CAMBODIA CAUSES RTG INCREASING EMBARRASSMENT.
NOTES ARREST OVER 40 OFFICERS/MEN OF BORDER POLICE AS WELL

AS LOCAL OFFICIALS ALONG FRONTIER; ALSO NOTES TUES EXECUTION 3 BUSINESSMEN AT ARANYAPRATHET FOR SMUGGLING ARMS INTO CAMBODIA. REVIEWS BORDER RELS. MENTIONS KR RETALIATORY ATTACKS AS DUE DEFAULT THAI SUPPLIERS IN KEEPING TO AGREEMENTS. BELIEVES RTG COULD BE SHAKEN IF CONFIRMED THAT SENIOR BORDER POLICEMAN BEING HELD WAS ENCOURAGING KR UNITS ATTACK THAI BORDER VILLAGES IN ORDER REOPEN ILLEGAL SMUGGLING ROUTES; NOTES BORDER POLICE MAY BE CHARGED W/ ILLEGAL ARMS SALES TO CAMBODIANS.

8. CHINA

REUTER CARRIES DAVID ROGERS' WEDS NEWS FEATURE FROM PEKING ON RECENT CHANGES ON CHINESE CULTURAL SCENE. ROGERS NOTES ROMANCE--BY CHINESE STANDARDS--HAS RETURNED TO PEKING STAGE WITH STAGING OF "DANCE DRAMA," "LIGHT SABRE SOCIETY." CLASSICAL MUSIC CAN AGAIN BE HEARD IN CONCERT HALLS, PRC PUBLISHING HOUSES PUTTING SHAKESPEARE INTO PRINT.

ROGERS ALSO NOTES STAGE REAPPEARANCES OF WELL KNOWN CHINESE ARTISTS/OTHER VICTIMS OF POLICIES OF CULTURE MINISTER YU HUI-YUNG AND AIDES. ROGERS ADDS CHINESE CULTURE STILL VEHICLE FOR PROPAGANDA, BUT ONCE AGAIN THERE IS PLACE FOR ENTERTAINMENT.

9. SINGAPORE

IN 2ND OF 3 ARTICLES, JOC'S LORENZ WRITES FROM SINGAPORE THAT IT'S NO LONGER HOME OF CHEAP LABOR/NOW CASTING NETS FOR INVESTMENTS IN MANUF HIGH TECH ITEMS. NOTES LOCAL UNCLASSIFIED

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FOREIGN COMMITMENTS TO MANUF DECLINED SINCE '73, SAYS REGIONAL ECONOMISTS BELIEVE FUTURE MANUF GROWTH WILL BE RETARDED UNLESS PICKS UP NEXT YR. MANUF SECTOR LARGEST EMPLOYER OF LABOR.

SAYS QUESTION HOW IS LEE KUAN YEW TO COPE W/NEW PROBLEMS. NEW STRATEGY OUTLINED FIVE YRS AGO DESIGNED ATTRACT HIGH TECH SKILLED INTENSIVE INDUSTRY/TRANSFORM SINGAPORE INTO BRAIN SERVICES CENTER. THIS 3RD STRATEGY IN 12 YRS, INDICATES HOW RAPIDLY ECON CONDITIONS CHANGED. SINGAPORE ALSO ENCOURAGING APPLIED R&D/CERTAIN HEAVY INDUSTRIES/ IMPROVED TRANSPORT/COMMUNICATION/FACILITIES/ETC. LOCAL ECONOMISTS/OBSERVERS BELIEVE SINGAPORE CAPABLE PROPELLING THROUGH ANOTHER GROWTH PERIOD BUT GROWTH EXPECTED BE MORE MODEST THAN '60S.

10. JAPAN

LAT'S REDBURN (6/21) INTERVIEWS KAISER STEEL VP ANTHONY, WHO WOULD LIKE SEE USG SET LIMIT ON JAPANESE STEEL

IMPORTS. SAYS HE DOESN'T FAVOR ABSOLUTE QUOTA/HIGHER TARRIFFS, BUT "ORDERLY MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS." CITES STEEL INDUSTRY REPORT WHICH STATES JAPANESE MFRS ARTIFICIALLY HOLD PRICES DOWN WHEN US DEMAND SLACK/DRASTICALLY BOOST THEM WHEN DEMAND PICKS UP.

11. KOREA

DEM/GOP CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS MET W/PRES AT WH 6/21, DURING WHICH GOP LEADER BAKER ASKED CARTER POSTPONE START OF PLANNED TROOP W/DRAWAL SK UNTIL SENATE REVIEWS ISSUE. TOLD REPORTERS WOULD BE "IN EXTREMELY POOR TASTE" FOR PRES "EFFECTUATE HIS JUDGMENT" BEFORE PERMITTING UNCLASSIFIED

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SENATE EXPRESS ITS OPINION (REUTER 6/21).

RET AF GEN KEEGAN WRITES CSM, CRITICIZES 5/26 HARSCH ARTICLE RE US TROOP PULLOUT. QUESTIONS HARSCH'S PREMISES RATIONALIZING W/DRAWAL: US AIR/SEA SUPPORT SUFFICIENT PROTECT SK; ADMIN MAY HAVE RECD ASSURANCES FROM USSR/PRC. ASSERTS US AIR/SEA SUPPORT COULD NO LONGER FILL GAP THAT WOULD BE CREATED BY PULLOUT DUE "HARDENING" NK TARGETS. STATES NK RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM USSR, NOT PRC; HAS DEVELOPED OWN ARMS INDUSTRY, SO REMAINS LARGELY INDEPENDENT EITHER. CONCLUDES PULLOUT BY US PART "POLITICS OF RETREAT."

PHINQ NOTES SENATE TURNED DOWN ENDORSEMENT PROPOSED 5-YR PULLOUT. BELIEVES SENATE WANTS W/DRAWAL UNDERTAKEN W/DUE REGARD FOR SECURITY INTERESTS US/SK/JAPAN, AND FOR US POLICY TOWARD SK TO BE ARRIVED AT BY JOINT DECISION PRES/ CONGRESS. CALLS SENATE CONSENSUS ON PULLOUT QUESTION ERRONEOUS. REVIEWS ADMIN PROPOSAL. CALLS FOR CAREFUL/ ORDERLY/MORE EFFECTIVE DIPLOMACY ON HILL BY WH.

PROF NAHM (W MICH U) WRITES NYT RE PULLOUT. CALLS NOTION THAT MOSCOW/PEKING HAVE NO INTENTION INCREASING TENSION IN KOREA "WISHFUL THINKING," SINCE KIM IL SUNG NOT PUPPET OF EITHER. AGREES W/SINGLAUB'S VIEW; SAYS PULLOUT WOULD HARDEN ROKG ATTITUDES/INCREASE NK DEMANDS FOR COMPLETE US W/DRAWAL. ASSERTS PRES CARTER'S POLICY MAKES LITTLE SENSE UNLESS US HAS PLAN W/DRAW ALL TROOPS IN ORDER EXACT CONCESSIONS FROM NK/FORCE SK BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO US DEMANDS/ABANDON SK TO FATE. THINKS CERTAIN US PULLOUT WILL INCREASE TENSIONS IN KOREA/POSSIBILITY WAR, DUE NK OBJECTIVES.

WSTAR (6/21) QUOTES JOHN CONNELLY THAT LEISURELY INVESTIGATION ALLEGED KOREAN BRIBERY BY CONGRESS HAS POTENTIAL OF "BIGGEST COVERUP" IN US HISTORY. REVIEWS ALLEGATIONS/ETHICS CMTE PROBE/GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION TONGSUN PARK. SAYS UNCLASSIFIED

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TIME FOR SPECIAL PROSECUTOR MAY COME, DEPENDING ON WHAT INVESTIGATIONS TURN UP/WHETHER REPORTS HOLD UP IN FACE INDEPENDENT CRITICISM; BUT ETHICS CMTE/GRAND JURY SHOULD BE GIVEN CHANCE FIRST.

12. SEA

ANDELMAN (NYT) IN DENPASAR, LOOKS OVER BALI MTG ORGANIZED BY JAKARTA-BASED CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND INTL STUDIES; ATTENDED BY GOVT/MIL/ACADEMIC/BUSINESS LEADERS FROM INDONESIA/THAILAND/MALAYSIA/PHILS/SINGAPORE/US. SAYS ORGANIZERS HOPE MTG MAY DEVELOP INTO CONTINUING DIALOG ON FUTURE RELS. NOTES DELS UNDERLINED GROWING FEARS THAT NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN AREA BEING ABANDONED BY US; ADDS DISPUTED VIGOROUSLY BY DOS/NSC MEMBERS, BUT SEA OFFICIALS SEEMED UNIMPRESSED. LISTS CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY DELS RE US EFFORTS ESTABLISH TIES W/PRC/SRV; HUMAN RTS ISSUE; US TROOP W/DRAWALS.

13. GENERAL

FORMER PHIL FONMIN, NOW EXILE LEADER/VISITING AU PROF MANG-LAPUS (WSTAR 6/21) REFUTES 6/7 BUCKLEY PIECE QUESTIONING WHETHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN BE DEMOCRATIC. REFERS TO MALAY/PHIL HISTORY TO DEMONSTRATE BASIS FOR DEMOCRACY EXISTED. NOTES US ABORTED PHIL REPUBLIC IN 1898. POINTS TO EVENTS IN INDIA/WORKING DEMOCRACIES LIKE MALAYSIA.

HOVEY (NYT) LOOKS OVER RECENT ACTIONS THAT INDICATE CARTER ADMIN NOT HANDLING RELS W/CONGRESS PROPERLY ON FOPOL PROBLEMS, INCL KOREA/VN/OTHERS. OPINES PART PROBLEM MAY BE BREAKDOWN SFRC EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP. MENTIONS CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDE/ACTIONS RE KOREAN POLICY WHERE OPPOSITION UNCLASSIFIED

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TO PULLOUT REGISTERED; ADDS CONSERVATIVE FORCES MADE DETERMINED EFFORTS WRITE PROVISIONS INTO BILLS TO INHIBIT ADMIN EFFORTS IMPROVE RELS W/INDOCHINA NATIONS/CUBA. CITES OTHER EXAMPLES. VANCE

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